

For 25 years, Mr. Beach taught music education to thousands of students. It is no easy feat to teach 20 students, let alone 200. However, Mr. Beach is much more than an educator. Many of his students have pursued their musical and non-musical aspirations because of his support and guidance. His students learned important life skills like teamwork, responsibility, and dedication.

In 2015, Mr. Beach served as President of the Texas Bandmasters Association. He represented El Paso and oversaw the annual convention that showcased new music and teaching methods for fellow bandmasters. In addition to teaching, he also found time to participate in the El Paso Wind Symphony where he played principal trombone.

Congratulations to Mr. Beach on all his achievements. I thank him for his commitment to education and the arts.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY CHIEF
TOM DEMINT

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, so often the safety of our communities falls to the responsibility of just a few. Today, I rise to honor one of those few: Chief Tom DeMint of the northern Colorado's Poudre Fire Authority.

In addition to his nearly 33 years with the Fire Authority, Chief DeMint served for 11 years as E.M.S. personnel, culminating in 44 years of dedicated service to our community. Now, he is heading into a very well-earned retirement.

A leader with a steadfast work ethic, caring demeanor, and a great sense of humor, Chief DeMint's service is concluding after assisting the Fire Authority in adapting to the pandemic while also battling one of the most long-lasting and devastating wildfire seasons in our state's history. The chief partnered with Poudre's 220 Fire Authority personnel to combat these fires and ensure the safety of our civilians. His leadership and expertise were irreplaceable during these trying times and will be sorely missed by all those who served alongside him.

Let us remember today and all days that our communities are able, not only to survive, but also thrive, because of those who run into the fire for us.

I share my endearing gratitude to Chief DeMint for his tireless service and wish him a happy and relaxing retirement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL COURT
REPORTING AND CAPTIONING
WEEK

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today, we recognize Court Reporting and Captioning Week. Court reporters and captioners are highly trained professionals who share a unique ability to convert the spoken word to text that can be read, streamed, broadcast, searched, and archived. This specialization includes broadcast captioning and realtime translation services for people who are deaf and hard of hearing, as well as providing near-instant translation in legal and other settings. Approximately 48 million Americans are considered deaf or hard-of-hearing, and the captioning services of realtime writers and stenographic captioners ensure that all Americans have equal access to news and other vital information.

In the 116th Congress, I reintroduced the Training for Realtime Writers Act, which would reauthorize the Training for Realtime Writers Grant Program and encourage careers in realtime writing and court reporting, provide scholarships for students, and modernizes curriculum to adapt to our changing world. I was proud to have my bill included in the 2008 Higher Education Act Reauthorization and in the College Affordability Act of the 116th Congress.

The Training for Realtime Writers Grant Program has been successful in training the current generation of captioners and court reporters and has aided in the rapid growth of these professions. By reauthorizing the Training for Realtime Writers grants, students will have the opportunity to enter a technical, well-paid, and highly skilled career that will allow them to become court reporters and captioners immediately upon graduation.

I want to acknowledge the court reporters and captioners in the House of Representatives, especially those who were on the House floor on January 6, 2021, when insurrectionists breached the Capitol. Their work is crucial to the sustained function of our government, and I thank them for their service and dedication to our country.

From maintaining the integrity of our democracy to ensuring every citizen stays up to date on today's 24-hour news cycle, realtime writers are vital to Americans in all communities. Over the past decade, this program has encouraged a new generation of realtime writers

to enter this vital field. I am proud to work with the National Court Reporters Association and with my friend Rep. RODNEY DAVIS to reauthorize this program so we can continue to increase awareness and interest in this profession.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 10

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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FEBRUARY 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Organizational business meeting for the 117th Congress.

SD-G50

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, and Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor.

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